

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 990

By Finney R.

A RESOLUTION to recognize the Buckhorn Inn of Gatlinburg on the 70th anniversary of its establishment.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those exemplary institutions that, through an abiding commitment to excellence, are a credit to this State; and

WHEREAS, the Buckhorn Inn is one such institution that is celebrating the milestone of seventy successful years since its founding; and

WHEREAS, opened in 1938 by Douglas Bebb, the Buckhorn Inn was conceived to provide an island of peace and quiet from the confusion of daily living; the Inn, located on twenty-five pastoral acres in Gatlinburg, boasts majestic views of Mt. LeConte, Trillium Gap, Brushy Mountain, and Winnesoka Knob; and

WHEREAS, featuring more than 3,000 hemlocks, white pines, and other trees and shrubs planted so that no man-made objects can be seen from the property, the Buckhorn Inn has been called the "Mount Vernon of the Smokies" for its secluded, neocolonial style luxury; and

WHEREAS, in 1978, Mr. Bebb sold the Inn to Knoxvilleans Robert and Lindsay Young, who in turn sold this venerable Gatlinburg institution to Lee and John Mellor in 1998; and

WHEREAS, throughout the Buckhorn Inn's seven decades, it has stayed true to Douglas Bebb's vision and has remained a refined, comfortable lodge based on mountain hospitality; it is now Gatlinburg's third oldest establishment and Sevier County's oldest accommodation; and

WHEREAS, many distinguished patrons have visited the Buckhorn Inn in its storied history, including Vice President Al Gore and his wife, Tipper, and Walt Disney and his wife, Lily; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pause in our deliberations to grasp this golden opportunity and recognize the Buckhorn Inn as one of this State's finest commercial and cultural institutions; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize the Buckhorn Inn on the occasion of its 70th anniversary and extend to the owners, employees, and all those associated with the Buckhorn Inn our best wishes for every continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.